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Worth's Folly
Near Worton
c. 1780's

Worth's Folly was a 1000 acre tract first patented to John Worth in 1687. In the late 18th Century on part of that tract, a substantial brick house was constructed. In form it had a three bay two story main block with a 1 1/2 story kitchen wing. As built, the house faced south and had a quarter round water table, but no belt course in the Flemish bond brick work. The two basement windows had three-centered arches and the first story windows had row-lock arches. The windows of the first floor had 9/6 sash with those on the second story having 6/6 – a very common proportion in Kent County houses of the late 18th Century.

The north facade was laid in common bond and was similar to the south facade, except that there were only two windows on the second story, quite like its neighbor Dunkan's Folly and like Trulock as well.

Originally the plan consisted of a hall and parlor. A full wall of paneling contained the hall stair with closet beneath, the fireplace and another closet on the opposite side.

An interesting deviation from the normal second floor plan occurs here and at Dunkan's Folly across the road. There is a passage leading to an attic stair located in the center of the building. The usual location would be in the corner above the first stair. The location of the attic stair is the determining factor in not having a central window on the north side of the house. There were two small chambers on the south side of the passage,

divided from each other by vertical beaded board walls. A third chamber, above the parlor, was partitioned by a brick wall. In the eastern most chamber there was a small arched fireplace. All second floor joists were originally exposed and beaded, but the first floor was ceiled.

Early in the 20th Century, a framed second story was added over the one story kitchen wing. A straight run stair was added in the kitchen wing for access to the new room, as well as the old parlor chamber. Subsequent alterations were made in the 1970's and 1995.

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Terra View
Lynch
Private

Late 18th Century

Terra View represents common Kent farmhouse type of the late 18th century. A paneled fireplace wall and Flemish bond facade typify the fine craftsmanship found in even modest dwellings of the period. An unusual element of this structure is its floor plan with a short hallway leading to an enclosed central attic stairway.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Terra View

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Worton Lynch Road

CITY, TOWN

Lynch

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

COUNTY

Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. & Mr. George Debman

Telephone #: (301) 778-1288

STREET & NUMBER

Terra View Farm

CITY, TOWN

Worton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21678

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Courthouse

Liber #: E4P44

Folio #: 23A

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Terra View is a three bay, rectangular brick building with the same floor plan as Duncan's Folly, the next farm house west. Terra View (a recent name) is two stories high and stands on a low brick basement which is emphasized by a water table with a quarter round and stepped upper course: The brick wall on the east facade

is laid in Flemish bond with 1/8" beaded mortar joints; it is evenly fenestrated with a central entrance door with transom, two flanking 9/6 sash windows on the first floor and three 6/6 sash windows on the second floor. This was originally the main facade and looks over Muddy Branch Creek.

Other facades are laid in Liverpool bond brick. Window and door openings have row arches and basement windows have three-centered arches. The present front facade of the house has a central entrance without transom but no window above the door, for in that bay is an enclosed interior stair to the attic. The chimney is enclosed in the gable wall, but that on the north projects about 4".

Windows, all with 6/6 sash, are held in plain frames with a quarter round backband molding. The wooden sills project slightly. Modern louvered shutters, painted black are used at windows and doors. The box cornice is a modern replacement as are the brick entrance steps. On the present rear facade is a hip roofed, frame sun porch.

Against the gable is an early addition, which is as wide as the house, constructed of brick. It was originally one and one-half stories in height and an outline of the roof is visible on the brick gable inside the house. The frame second floor is a 20th century addition. A modern brick kitchen beside the old wing was constructed in 1970.

Originally, the main house was a hall and parlor type with corner stairs leading from the first to the second floors, and one enclosed stair located above the present main entry in a narrow hall and leading to the attic. One stair in the original parlor was removed and a modern straight run stair built outside the main house when the roof of the addition was raised. The other stairs remain. That in the hall is a part of a wall with fireplace and good raised and beveled panels with quarter round edges. Closets flank the fireplace which is slightly recessed. The fireplace, however, has been rebuilt and a mantle shelf added. Ceiling beams presently exposed in this room were not intended to be seen and are only roughly edged. However, those in the hall chamber are carefully planed and have beaded edges, a practice favored in the 18th century.

The house, although altered, is well maintained. Nearby is a group of very attractive modern gambrel roofed barns. The house is painted white, the barns grey.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Terra View is significant for its architecture. In form and detailing it represents a common type of Kent County farm house of late 18th century. Its paneled fireplace wall and brick detailing are well done and good representatives of finish detailing of this period. The unusual element of this structure is its floor plan with the short hallway which leads from the hall stairs to an enclosed, central attic stair. In nearby "Duncan's Folly" (K-107) the attic stair has been removed, although the plan was originally identical.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Historical Society

DATE

August, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Church Alley

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown


STATE

Maryland 21620

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Kent</u> TOWN <u>Lynch</u> VICINITY STREET NO. <u>Worton-Lynch Rd at corner with</u> <u>RT 561</u> ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <u>dwelling</u> PRESENT OWNER <u>Jesse Metcalf II</u> PRESENT USE <u>dwelling</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>Brick</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>2</u>	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>K-1088</u> 2. NAME <u>Caromat or Duncan's Folly</u> <u>Terra View</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>18th Cent.</u> STYLE <u>Colonial</u> ARCHITECT BUILDER
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>NO</u> <p> <i>2 story</i> <u>Duncan's Folly is a 3 bay long, 2 story brick house with</u> <u>2 story wing, partly half brick & half frame. There is a mided</u> <u>materially above the basement window which are supported by</u> <u>segmental arches. The brick is laid - Flemish bond on the south</u> <u>& east sides. The windows of the 1st floor have 9/6 sash and</u> <u>are supported by flat arches & vertical headers. The The</u> <u>windows of the 2nd story have 9/6 sash; both have</u> <u>black shutters ^{against} the white paint of the walls. There</u> <u>are only 2 windows on the north ^{facade} facade, 2nd floor. The wood</u> <u>box cornice has small moldings. There are 2 small</u> <u>casements on each gable flanking the chimney which are enclosed</u> <u>within the gables. The east gable of the wing retains the</u> <u>outline of the 1 or 1 1/2 story ^{original} original. This is 2 bays long</u> <u>and there are also small windows in the gable & both</u> <u>pectors have "A" roofs.</u> </p>	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered <u>NO</u> Interior Exterior <u>good</u>	
 6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)	7. PHOTOGRAPH
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <u>Michael Bourne</u> DATE OF RECORD <u>Oct 1, 1968</u>

Duncan's Folly is a three bay long, two story brick house with a two story wing half brick and half frame. There is a molded water-table above the basement windows which are supported by segmental arches. The brick is laid in Flenish bond on the south and east sides. The windows of the first floor have 9/6 sashes and are supported by flat arches of vertical headers. The windows of the second story have 6/6 sash; both have black shutters against the white paint of the walls. There are only two windows on the north facade, second floor. The wood box cornice has small moldings. There are two small casements on each gable flanking the chimney, which are enclosed within the gables. The last gable of the wing retains the outline of the one or one and one half story original appearance. This is two bays long and there are also small windows in the gable. Both sections have "A" roofs.

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Account Identifier: District - 03 Account Number - 022552

Owner Information

Owner Name: BENCH, THAD L. & RENEE P. Use: AGRICULTURAL
Principal Residence: NO
Mailing Address: 1925 OLD ANNAPOLIS BLVD Deed Reference: 1) MLM/ 295/ 60
ANNAPOLIS MD 21401-6204 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address
26275 WORTON LYNCH ROAD
WORTON 21678

Legal Description
17.429 AC
26275 WORTON LYNCH ROAD
NE OF WORTON

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
28	1E	139						81	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas
Town
Ad Valorem
Tax Class

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1800	3,301 SF	17.00 AC	
Stories 2 1/2	Basement YES	Type STANDARD UNIT	Exterior BRICK

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2002	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004	PREFERENTIAL LAND VALUE INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE
Land:	38,000	42,000			
Improvements:	192,150	213,630			
Total:	230,150	255,630	247,136	255,630	
Preferential Land:	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	

Transfer Information

Seller: BRADFORD, BASIL B.,SR.	Date: 02/14/2003	Price: \$535,000
Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: MLM/ 295/ 60	Deed2:
Seller: BRADFORD, BASIL B.,SR. &	Date: 04/18/2000	Price: \$0
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: MLM/ 195/ 338	Deed2:
Seller: BRADFORD, BASIL B.,SR. & PATRICIA	Date: 07/23/1996	Price: \$0
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: MLM/ 101/ 333	Deed2:

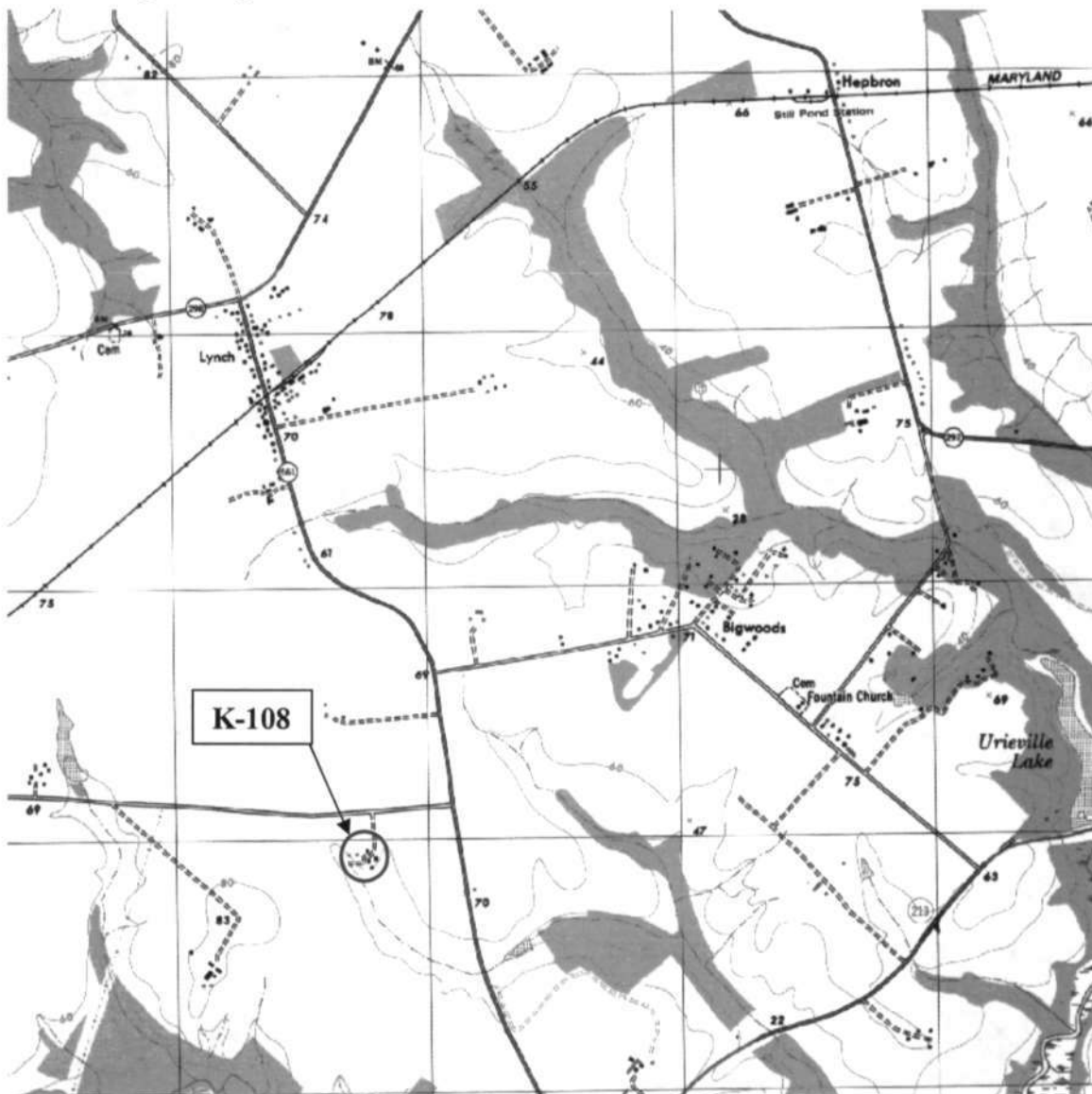
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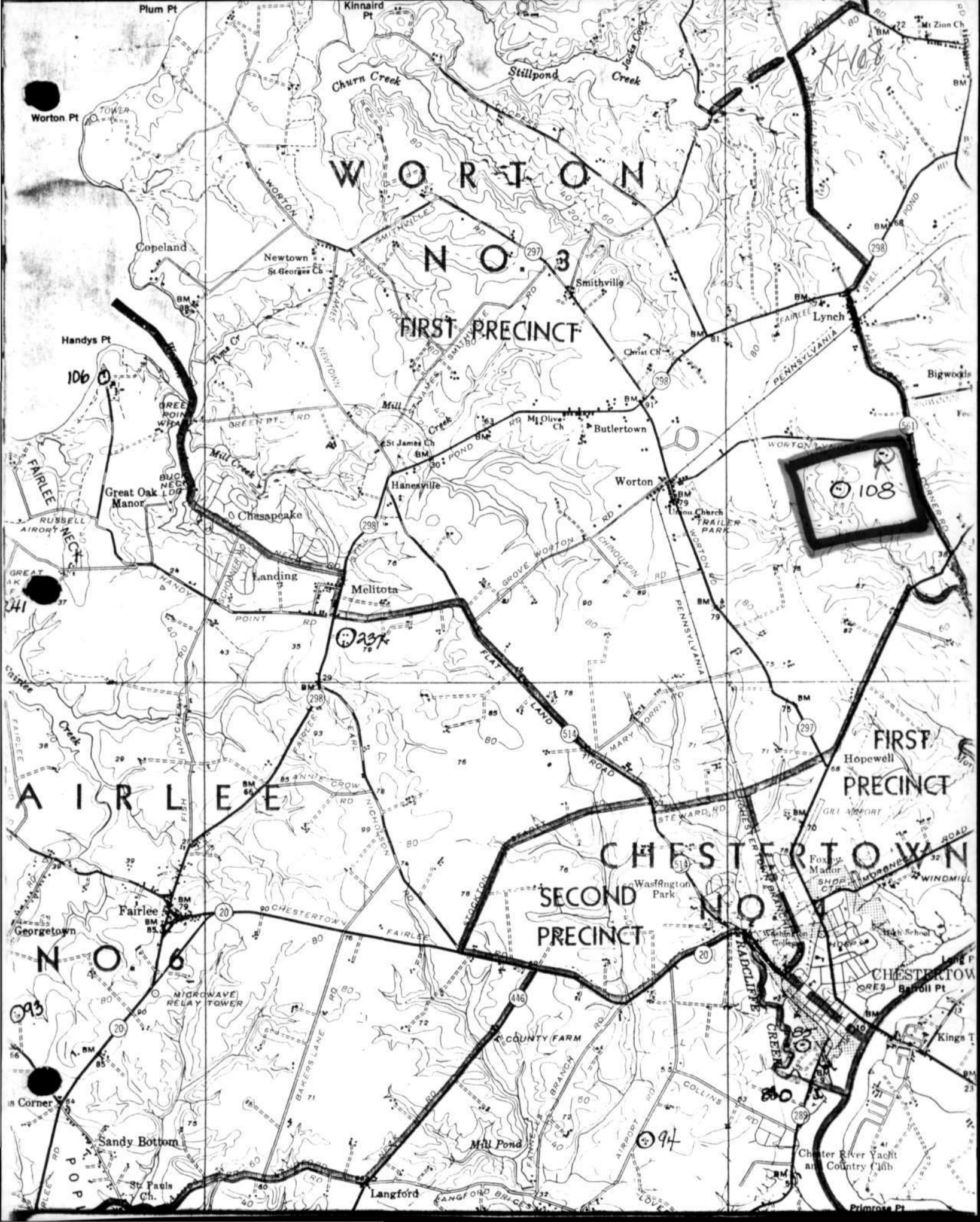
Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:
AGRICULTURAL TRANSFER TAX

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Worth's Folly
26275 Worton Lynch Road, Worton
Betterton Quadrangle







Jura View K-108

Worton, Md

C. Engstrom #77

Front facade



TERRA VIEW

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WORTON- LYNCH RD

WORTON, MD.

FIRST FLOOR - EAST ROOM END

C. ENGSTROM AUG. 1977